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TECH NEWS



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WORCESTER, MASS., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1911

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Prospectus.

Football Arrangements Completed.

Tech will start its football season in the fall with a series of heavy games in view. All of last year's opponents appear on the schedule, which indicates much for the record made by the team last fall. In addition to the regulation seven games, Manager Potter has accepted an offer of an early game with Tufts College, the game to be played at Medford. This will necessitate getting into form within two weeks after the opening of classes in September, and for this reason the manager will attempt an early return of the football squad. It is to be hoped that such a move will bring results in getting the team into shape before the season is too far advanced. Tech never shows its final form until the Holy Cross game. This year we want that form throughout the schedule; a majority of games won on this list would mean a tremendous showing for the year, and every effort will be made to bring it about.

In previous years complaint has been registered repeatedly that too much lack of training prevails at the Institute in athletic circles. As a remedy, the new manager will endeavor to carry out a scheme which deserves the heartiest commendation. If a suitable place can be obtained and a mistress who will agree to furnish the "feed" required by the coach, a training-table for the squad will be arranged for. The regulation Thursday night dog will be dispensed with, and those aged—eyed beans will be relegated to the far, far rear. The dyspeptic, blue-faced, bilious pie-eater who rushes at the last minute into class with a last tempting particle still clinging to the corner of his mouth will be an envied creature, and the foggy with his beloved pipe will appear to be wallowing in luxury, but we'll have a squad of long-winded giants on the gridiron. If the new arrangement requires expense over and above any man's scale of living, that excess Manager Potter proposes to contribute from his football appropriation. This scheme is carried out in several large colleges, including Amherst, which is again Tech's opponent on the field. The idea deserves the consideration of the student body, and the football management is to be congratulated if it can be carried into effect.

The schedule as planned for next fall is as follows:

- Sept. 30—Tufts at Medford.
- Oct. 7—Trinity at Hartford.
- Oct. 14—M. A. C. at Amherst.
- Oct. 21—Springfield Training School at Springfield.
- Oct. 28—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy.
- Nov. 4—R. I. State at Worcester.
- Nov. 11—Amherst at Amherst.
- Nov. 18—Holy Cross at Fittin Field.

The list shows the usual lack of home games. It is for the student body to demonstrate that large attendance is assured before it will be thought advisable

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, March 8.

Y. M. C. A. Bible-study class, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

Meeting of Wireless Club, 5 p.m., E. E. lecture-room.

Y. M. C. A. meeting, 7 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

Tech Show rehearsal, 7 p.m., Boynton Hall.

Meeting of C. E. Society, 8 p.m., M. E. lecture-room. Mr. W. P. Blair will speak on "Brick as a Paving Material."

THURSDAY, March 9.

Meeting of Cosmopolitan Club at Prof. Coombs' home, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 10.

Y. M. C. A. Bible-study class, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

Meeting of E. E. Society, 8 p.m., E. E. lecture-room. Interesting debate by upper class men.

SATURDAY, March 11.

Tech Show rehearsal, 1 p.m., Boynton Hall.

MONDAY, March 13.

Y. M. C. A. Bible-study class, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

Mandolin Club rehearsal, 7 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

Glee Club rehearsal, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 14.

Physics Colloquium, 4.30 p.m., Physics lecture-room. "Variations of Temperature Due to Stationary Sound Waves." Prof. A. W. Duff.

Orchestra rehearsal, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

EVERY DAY.

Track team practice, 5 p.m., board track.

DEPARTMENT NOTES

Professor Palmer, formerly instructor in foundry practice, recently published an article on the subject in *Giesserei Zeitung*, a German periodical devoted to the iron trade.

The electric drive and special applications of electricity in manufacturing plants have made such rapid progress in the last few years that the Institute has arranged to offer an elective course in industrial electrical engineering. This course is being given by Mr. Walter D. Stearns in the last half of the senior year. He will take up the proper method of applying power, the size and type of motors best suited to specific conditions, cost of operation, load factor, power rates, and other items which may influence the application of the motor to the work to be performed. In addition to motor drive, consideration will be given to special applications of electricity, including welding, electric furnaces, and electric vehicles.

During the past week, orders by cable from England have been received by the Institute shops for ten drill grinders; also from Brussels for a number of drill grinders. By mail the shops have received orders from England for eight of their drilling machines.

Tech Banquet

The time—Thursday, March 16.

The place—State Mutual.

The tickets—Oh, say, about \$1.25.

The music—Glee Club and Orchestra.

The rest—Up to you.

Eat, you lobster, eat!

Your father, your mother ate; your grand-daddy ate and your grandma; also your great-grandparents; so, also, ate ye men of valor in ye olden time; Napoleon ate, so did Caesar; ate Newton, also Adam and Eve, and so the conclusion is—

1. Therefore, eat you—you lobster, eat!

2. Moreover, it is good exercise, giving stimulus to the head, hand and heart.

3. It makes you happy and it makes you healthy.

4. It will give you a change and make many new friends.

5. There are not going to be any profits that night; they will all be good fellows.

The Tech Banquet is offering you this great opportunity and you are hereby individually engaged for the evening. Every senior and junior will be counted on to hold up the motto, "Tech expects every man to do his duty," and the converse, "The duty of every man is Tech." The two under classes cannot afford to slide back, so get in line, get the spirit, and get the ticket which will entitle you to admission to the Tech Banquet of 1911. Lest you have forgotten, let me chirp once more: Eat, you lobster, eat.

The above sounds something like the saying, "Money is the root of all evil. Root, you lobster, root!"

A FRESHMAN'S LETTER HOME

Worcester, March 8, 1911.

Dear Father:

I have carefully followed your instructions to begin early to find out which course at the Institute I wished to pursue, but I have recently had a setback which leaves me all at sea on this important matter. The senior who rooms in this house is taking the course in mechanical engineering, and he is always talking about the advantages of that course and the fine young men that take it. Among other things he says that they are the only ones who support their own men for class offices, and I thought perhaps that if I took that course, I might become class President sometime. Where we both eat there are students in electricity, civil engineering and chemistry. They are always joshing him about his machine-shop work, and calling him "greasy." As he nearly always gets the best of the argument, I thought that they were fooling, and I had almost made up my mind to be a student of mechanical engineering when I investigated. This senior has been talking about a boiler test which was to run twenty-four hours. He seemed to consider it a joke that he should have to go to work at midnight and work till eight o'clock, and told what he expected to do to the "case." That part of it I didn't understand. I thought

it inhuman for the faculty to expect work at such a time, for mother always says I must sleep from nine till seven, but I thought perhaps the work would be so pleasant that it would compensate for the outrageous time at which it was to be done, but when I went up there just before he was to quit work, I was horrified. I found him in the coal-bin shoveling coal into a bucket and then bringing it in on the trolley and weighing and dumping it. He looked like a regular coal-shoveler at our works, and his hands were blistered and his face black. He had swallowed so much coal-dust that he coughed most annoyingly. Another poor fellow was only half dressed, and every time a rough-looking fellow came out of a dark little hole in the wall and banged a pipe, he had to climb way up on top of the boilers, where it was so hot that he perspired freely. Several other fellows were near by, and all were disgustingly dirty. When one ate a piece of cake without first washing his hands, it nearly made me sick. The effect was so great that I have not yet recovered. I must close now, and I'll write as soon as I am better.

Your son,

Reginald.

[Watch for Reggie's second letter.]

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The time of the annual Tech banquet is
at hand, and the details of the event will
soon be settled on definitely. In former
years, a committee, consisting of the
President of the Institute and the presi-
dents of the four classes, has decided on the
date and the general features, and a
committee of the senior class has attended
to the details. This year the seniors have
looked into the matter through a commit-
tee, and have decided that the banquet
will be the usual \$1.35 or \$1.50 affair, and
that it will be held on the evening of
March 16, in the State Mutual restaurant.
The idea of a lunch instead of a banquet
was set aside.

The seniors who voted to this end
probably had their reasons for so doing,
but their decision should not bind the
student body. A good many who have
thought over the various aspects of the
question have come to the conclusion that
the main difficulty connected with the
Tech banquet, namely, the difficulty of
getting the fellows to attend, would be
greatly lessened by making the banquet
more of a lunch, at, say, 75 cents per
plate. We don't go to the banquet for the
feed, or at least, if we do, we are disap-
pointed; and a lunch, as a preliminary to
the real feature of the evening, serves the
purpose as well as a six-course dinner.
Then, again, and notwithstanding all
assertions to the contrary, it is the price
of the thing that the average Tech man
looks at when he decides whether or not
he will go; and with the exception of a few
high-toned chaps, whose mental processes
would be difficult to analyze, we believe

that the lunch plan would bring out more
men than the usual banquet. It certainly
would bring out as many, and is an
experiment that ought to be tried, since,
after all, a fair trial is the only good test
of any theory. The investigating com-
mittee have found that a lunch could be
served in the Electrical Lab for 75 cents
per plate, and if this plan were adopted,
there would be the added advantage that
the affair could be held in one of our own
buildings. The final settling of the thing
will depend on whether the under classes
fall in line behind the seniors, or suggest
improvements on the usual process.

Jere Regan is on the carpet for selling
to Holy Cross men.
Beware, Jack Sharrott, beware!

YOUR DUTY

It is with no little gratification that the
management is now able to announce
that the Tech Show will be given in the
Worcester Theatre, April 28th. Tickets
will be in duplicate form and will be out
in two weeks' time. You will pay for
your tickets on the Hill and these will be
exchangeable at the theatre any time
during the week of the play. This will
insure to you all an equal chance on the
good seats, for of course the actual seats
can only be sold in one place. It will
also give the public a chance. For the
present the prices are set at \$1, \$1.75, and
\$5.50.

The rehearsal last Wednesday night was
largely taken up in staging a number of
additions to the first act. Saturday after-
noon was devoted to a complete rehearsal
of the first act, and to-day we hope to
have a reading of Act II.

You can bet it means work for the cast
for the next month and a half, but we
have talent as well as enthusiasm in the
present bunch of fifteen, and Coach Gray
is confident of his ability to put the play
on in good style.

It is our hope that this play will be
successful enough to warrant establishing
a dramatic association, whose primary
function will be to entertain us once each
year with as good a show as is put on the
stage by any school organization in New
England.

So much for our side; now we turn to
yours, fellow students. First, note that

date with a bright red pencil and don't on
your life plan to attend any function but
the Tech Show that night. Second, be
sure to save up enough money to pay not
for one ticket, but for two at least. Spread
the news, for on your enthusiasm will
depend our pull with the public. Help
get us the crowd and we will guarantee
the good times.

Remember April 28 and those
two tickets. — The Management of
Tech Show.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

Professor Coombs will entertain the
members of the Cosmopolitan Club at
his home to-morrow evening.

SENIOR CLASS NOTES

The senior chemists visited the Worces-
ter Gas Light Co.'s works on Quinsigamond
Avenue last Wednesday afternoon,
accompanied by Dr. Calhane. Mr.
Bennett, superintendent of the plant,
which is said to be one of the best in the
country, showed the men about the works.

Many other trips are planned by the
class, including Worcester's two breweries,
the South Works of the American Steel
& Wire Co., the Cold Storage plant and
the Graton & Knight tannery.

BRICKS

Don't forget that special meeting of the
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A regular meeting of the Branch of the A. I. E. E. will take place Friday evening in the Electrical Engineering lecture hall.

"Resolved, that the circle diagram is preferable to the brake test in determining the characteristics of an induction motor," will be debated by Messrs. Alfred L. Atherton, Patrick E. Hanaver and Daniel J. Riordan on the affirmative, and Messrs. Herbert E. Carrio, William R. Coley and Charles F. Stearns on the negative.

The judges will be: Mr. Clarence W. Kinney '99, consulting engineer Coghlin Electric Co.; Judge George R. Stobbs, of Taft & Stobbs; Willis L. Towne '06, electrical engineer American Optical Co., Southbridge.

The debate will be of value to anyone interested in alternating current dynamos, and the argument of points in engineering practice. All are invited to attend.

WIRELESS

There will be a meeting of the Wireless Association Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Electrical Engineering lecture hall. Abstracts and simple discussion. All interested in wireless should attend.

BIBLE CLASS OF Y. M. C. A.

On Wednesday March 1, Mr. Wheeler of this city spoke to the Bible class of the Y. M. C. A. about the "Influence of the Bible on Life." Next to the talk given by Mr. Drum a few weeks ago it was the most interesting and straight from the shoulder given this year. On account of the excellent speakers obtained by the Y. M. C. A., extra large assemblies are looked for in the future.

Professor Read was absent Monday attending the funeral of his father. Mr. Balcom conducted Professor Read's classes.

The athletic managers will do well to remember that there is a newspaper on the Hill supported by students from that Hill, and all schedules of athletic teams supported by those same students might conveniently appear exclusively in that paper.

Buy a ticket for the Tech Banquet and hear Professors Haynes, French, Duff and Phelon, the Imperial Quartette, in the touching ballad, "We're too long and two short, so we'll take a mean."

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"TECH" PRIZE AWARDED

The set of "Tech" drawing instruments donated by the Technical Supply Company of New York was awarded last Wednesday to Arthur T. Larned of Worcester. A similar set has been presented to the civil engineering department for the last three or four years. The recipient of the prize is the junior civil who, in the opinions of the four instructors of the civil engineering department, has produced the best drawings during the first half of the junior year. This year many good drawings were handed in, and the department feels that all members of the class have been benefited by the fact that this prize has been offered. The drawings considered in the awarding of the set are those in the courses in railroad engineering and stereotomy. The decision was made on the points of accuracy, quality of workmanship, lettering, dimensions, and general appearance.

FRATERNITY NEWS

The annual national convention of Theta Chi Fraternity was held at the Rensselaer Chapter house at Troy, N. Y., March 4. K. I. Tredwell '12 and M. F. Clement '10 attended the convention as delegates from Epsilon Chapter. Saturday evening the delegates were guests at a banquet in the Ten Eyck Hotel, Albany.

SENIOR MECHANICS' TRIP

The senior mechanics, twenty-two in number, have been excused from thesis and machine design, and will leave Friday morning at 7.55 for Watertown, where the United States Arsenal will be visited. The afternoon will be spent at the Fore River ship-yards at Quincy, and the evening at the Boston automobile show, for which Mr. Fairfield has obtained free tickets for the party. Saturday morning will be passed in Beverly at the United Shoe Machinery plant.

After 12 m. Saturday the members of the party will do as they see fit. Those who are sober will return in the evening.

NEAR JOKES FROM THAT MATERIALS COURSE

"Grey iron is not so called because it is made by Mr. Grey in the foundry."

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M. E. SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society was held last week in the Mechanical Engineering building. Mr. C. E. Gillette, vice-president of the society, presided, and introduced as speaker for the evening, Mr. Archibald N. Goddard, of the Morgan Construction Co. Mr. Goddard took for his subject, "The Cutting of Large Gears."

The Morgan Construction Co. have installed some of the most modern methods for machining the teeth of gear wheels. Mr. Goddard explained to the members of the society the several features of the different machines for doing the work, and showed why each had its peculiar field.

ALUMNI NOTES

G. H. White '76 is at present assistant engineer in the engineers' office at the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Co. Mr. White was for many years professor of civil engineering at the Institute, leaving in 1900 to accept the position

which he now holds. Mr. White was with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. for some time immediately after graduation, and assisted in laying out and constructing many miles of railroad for the company.

Among the many Institute graduates who have attained to positions of prominence and responsibility in the telephone business are M. C. Allen '94 and A. C. Vinal '99. Mr. Allen was for years with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. as division inspector and manager. When his company took over the Western Union Co., he became superintendent of plant, eastern division, for the Western Union Co., with headquarters in New York. Mr. Vinal is general supervisor of traffic for the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., with office in New York.

T. D. Hayes '07 was a visitor at the Institute last week. Mr. Hayes is sales engineer for the Triumph Electric Co. His territory includes New England.

Several graduates of the Institute are interested in the automobile industry at the present time. Elwood Haynes '81 is president of the Haynes Automobile Co., of Kokomo, Ind. Mr. W. T. White '90 is president of the White Co., of Cleveland. A. A. Kent ex-'99 is a prominent manufacturer of automobile supplies. His manufacturing plant is in Philadelphia.

Woodbury Howe '78 is locating engineer for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., with headquarters in Topeka, Kansas.

The plant of the Haynes Automobile Co., of which Elwood Haynes '81 is president, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$600,000 during the past week.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGES

As a punishment for flunking, the students at the University of Colorado must wear small blue caps with green buttons.

Each student at the University of Minnesota is required to rent a box in the university post-office.

Under a new rule no undergraduate at Cornell can have the letter "C" in his pipe unless it has been earned as a member of a varsity team.

The average cost of Yale's junior prom festivities was \$122.90 for each man. One man spent \$900, but he entertained at a house party. Omitting this, the average cost falls to \$102.25. Taking the entire junior week in consideration, the sum averages \$180.84(!)

PROSPECTUS.

(Continued from page 1.)

to sprinkle the schedule over with Worcester games.

In connection with the publishing of the schedule, the first appearance of which did not appear in the *News*, the athletic department requests that all information of a temporarily secret character, and all facts pertaining to future athletic activities at Tech, be submitted to the *News* a reasonable length of time before they reach the columns of any other publication. It has not been deemed necessary up to this time to make any such request; that a newspaper which sees fit to announce the winning of the relay against Brown—really a signal victory to Tech—in a half-inch, small type, obscure article located somewhere in the mazes of a Sunday issue, should swoop the *News* on the publication of information proper to the Institute itself, is a contingency which has not been counted upon to occur. For this reason, the present is taken as an opportunity for suggesting that faculty, team managers and students regard it as a duty to submit all important facts to the *News* first and after the next issue of the *News* to other organs. This paper supports Tech organizations, and in return should be made interesting by being made the first recipient of all news in connection with those organizations.

In Physics. Dr. M—(conducting recitations): "Coburn, did you say that you had the right method for this fifth problem?"

Coburn: "Yes sir."

Dr. M—: "How do you know?"

Coburn: "Because I got the same answer."

Dr. M—(absently): "Damn!"

[As we go to press Dr. M—is still apologizing to the members of the class.]

The seniors of Miami University have decided to wear their caps and gowns from now until graduation.

There are eighty-two Harvard alumni clubs, including one in Berlin and one in Italy.

Cornell, by beating Dartmouth at hockey at the Boston Arena, is the winner of the intercollegiate championship for this year.

Washington and Jefferson College relinquished claims on a bequest of \$40,000 because it was learned that the widow and six children of the benefactor were in straitened circumstances. This is real college spirit.—*College World*.

The prospects are such that M. I. T. will stay in Boston. A bill to appropriate \$100,000 for ten years was recommended by the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The House now considers the bill.

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